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DIGITIZATION MATERIAL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to digitize the study material for higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial implications for this scheme;

(c) the names of nodal agencies to select the relevant material for digitization;

(d) whether the scheme would also include theperiodicals, as it may involve recurrent cost; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (e): Digitization of study material in higher education is done in various universities/research institutions across the country, and there is no single nodal agency or a consolidated scheme for the purpose. However, the University Grants Commission has a proposal for digitization and submission of thesis and dissertation with the Information and Library Network Centre (INFLIBNET), Ahmedabad. There are several publishers, societies and academies, such as Indian national Science Academy, Indian Academy of Sciences, MedIND (an initiative by National Informatics Centre) which have digitized journals and made them accessible through the Internet.